



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 29, 2000

H.R. 1680 **Kern County California Land Exchange Act of 2000**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on February 16, 2000

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1680 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Because the bill could increase offsetting receipts (a form of direct spending), pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, but CBO estimates that the one-time increase in receipts would be between \$30,000 and \$50,000 in fiscal year 2001. H.R. 1680 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. Any costs incurred by Kern County to achieve this exchange would be voluntary. Enactment of the bill would have no other significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 1680 would provide for a property exchange between the federal government and Kern County, California, involving land and structures within the boundaries of the Sequoia National Forest. The bill would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the county about 92 acres of federal property in exchange for about 52 acres of county-owned land within Sequoia National Forest. In addition to land, the county also would convey a storage facility to the federal government, and a cash payment of up to \$100,000.

According to the Forest Service, the federal land to be conveyed to the county in the proposed exchange includes a 56-acre site used as a juvenile justice facility by Kern County under permit from the Forest Service. The federal acreage also includes a fish hatchery, a maintenance yard, and a maintenance building. Based on information provided by the Agency, CBO estimates that the difference in the value of the lands to be exchanged is between \$30,000 and \$50,000, necessitating a cash equalization payment to the federal government. The county land to be acquired is undeveloped land in Greenhorn Mountain Park. Administering the new acreage would not have any significant impact on the Forest Service budget. The land would remain undeveloped.

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